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C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 3149

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, GT, BH  
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: GUATEMALA AND BELIZE AT NON-  
ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. GUATEMALAN PRETENDER DELEGATE CASTILLO ARRIOLA  
LEFT COLOMBO HAVING FAILED TO ACHIEVE STATUS AT NAC  
COMPETITIVE WITH BELIZE'S "SPECIAL STATUS WITH RIGHT  
TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE." INDEED CASTILLO'S BID TO  
ATTEND WAS COMPLETELY FOILED BY COMBINATION OF WEAK  
TACTICAL POSITION AND OPPOSITION WITHIN LA GROUP.

2. GUATEMALAN HOPE FOR OBSERVER STATUS WAS BURIED  
UNDER COMPARATIVELY TITANIC STRUGGLE OVER ROMANIAN  
AND PHILIPPINE APPLICATIONS. CASTILLO TOLD EMBOFF  
THAT PERU HAD RAISED "PENDING CASE OF GUATEMALA"  
DURING FOREIGN MINISTERS' DIFFUSE DEBATE OF MEMBERSHIP  
ISSUE, BUT NO OTHER SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED THIS.  
CERTAINLY MINISTERS' DECISION TO CONSIDER ONLY THOSE  
APPLICATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH COORDINATING  
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COMMITTEE FORECLOSED ANY CHANCE FOR GUEQXMARK

(ALTHOUGH MALDIVES SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITTED AS FULL MEMBER).

3. GUATEMALAN CASE LOST IN PROCEDURES BECAUSE IT HAD TOO MANY ENEMIES AT COURT AND TOO FEW FRIENDS. MATTER APPARENTLY DECIDED IN LATIN AMERICAN CARIBBEAN CAUCUS WHERE, ACCORDING TO CASTILLO'S REPORT, PERU SUPPORTED AND GUYANA, JAMAICA AND "SOME OTHERS" RESOLUTELY OPPOSED. IN ABSENCE OF GROUP AGREEMENT, CASTILLO'S FRIENDS (PERU AND EL SALVADOR OBSERVER DEL) DESISTED--UNDOUBTEDLY WITH SIGH OF RELIEF.

4. CASTILLO HAD FORMAL NOTE DELIVERED TO CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN PROTESTING DISCRIMINATION, BUT HAD NO ILLUSION THAT NOTE WOULD EVER SEE LIGHT OF DAY. HE EXPRESSED NO OPINION AS TO WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PURSUE EFFORT TO PRESENT ITS SIDE OF DISPUTE IN HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE NON-ALIGNED FORUMS.

5. BELIZIAN PREMIER PRICE, MEANWHILE, ATTENDED SUMMIT GENERATING NO ATTENTION EXCEPT FOR WELL PLACED REPORT OF INTERVIEW BY LOCAL NEWSPAPER. LANGUAGE OF INTERVIEW WAS MODERATE. WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM AT THIS TIME WHETHER PRICE ADDRESSED SUMMIT, BUT ASSUME HE DID.

6. NAC POLITICAL DECLARATION REITERATES PRO-BELIZE STAND: "THE CONFERENCE WELCOMED THE PARTICIPATION OF BELIZE WHOSE ASPIRATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE APONTINUE TO BE FRUSTRATED BY TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. IT EXPRESSED ITS UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IN URGING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3432 (XXX), THE CONFERENCE CALLED UPON THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO PURSUE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN THEREIN." THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CONFERENCE DEVOTED ANY BUT PERFUNCTORY ATTENTION TO ISSUE.  
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